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ICF did give presentations on wq impacts and ag mitigation. Their presentation to the BECT team focused exclusively on conclusions that were published in the February admin draft. It seemed that no new information was provided regarding analysis of the new alternative's impacts to wq, nor was there a discussion of the constituents we had brought up in our admin draft comments (ie mercury, selenium). I think my expectation had been that the BECT call would have had new data and updates.

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Since we won't meet on Monday, here's an update from Nawi's bi-weekly fed agency call. I was only on for first 30 minutes but they were almost done when I hung up:

404

- Nepstad reported that Corps is still working on 404 purpose statement, having sent DWR a revision

which meets EPA concerns. DWR asked for a mtg with Corps, which will likely be in mid-Oct.

- Corps-DWR 404/NEPA MOU may be signed in Oct.

- Corps expecting WRDA 214 funding from DWR. They've made an offer to a staff person.

- When asked by Nawi, Nepstad said Corps was "basically satisfied" with range of alternatives.

BDCP

- Patti reported that BECC mtg went well and that there was a "full presentation on wq impacts and ag mitigation". This sounded different than Stephanie's impression (?).

- Nawi reported that much work is being done on "combined scenario 5/6", which is an operating criteria to meet fish needs and be practical operationally and is intended to define preferred criteria. (Bruce - can you please learn what this is specifically?)

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- Feds negotiating with litigants to delay NEPA and new BOs for 3 years while implementing "collaborative science program" to reduce conflicts and guide implementation of RPAs.

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